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Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 138
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:34

Eleven years ago this past weekend, on Jan. 8, a gunman opened fire at a political event in Arizona. That moment in 2011 underscored both the dangerous divisions and the epidemic of gun violence in America. Stephanie Sy visits Tucson, where a Jan. 8 memorial is steeped in symbolism starting with its location. It's part of our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

NOLA: MLNH 013467
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 167
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/18/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:01:26

NewsHour profiled former Rep. Gabby Giffords' journey to "retrain her brain" after she was shot in 2011. Part of her routine includes playing her childhood instrument, the French horn. That piece caught the eye of cellist Yo-Yo Ma, who then reached out to Giffords to play together. Watch now as they rehearse Simon and Garfunkel's "The Sound of Silence" to honor the lives lost to gun violence.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 178
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/7/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:02:27

In the midst of so much chaos and destruction in Ukraine, the sound of music has the power to bring light to darkness. William Brangham has this look at the voices and melodies uplifting a nation under siege.

Culture

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ancient Maya Metropolis
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/26/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Around 800 CE, the ancient Maya abandoned the magnificent cities they had lived in for centuries. NOVA investigates dramatic new scientific evidence for droughts that pushed cities already stressed by overpopulation and warfare beyond their limits.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Riveted: The History of Jeans
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Discover the fascinating story of this iconic American garment. From their roots in slavery to the Wild West, hippies, high fashion and hip-hop, jeans are the fabric on which the history of American ideology and politics are writ large.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Hollywood Royalty
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2022 3:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Three actors born into Hollywood royalty discover branches of their family trees that have been hidden from the public eye—and meet a cast of characters every bit as dramatic as the people they themselves have played on camera.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Living Volcanoes on Nature
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Uncover the variety of activity, both human and natural, that occurs on the slopes of active volcanoes. See the surprising number of animals that survive and thrive alongside these fiery natural phenomena.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Pumas: Legends of the Ice Mountains
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Travel to the mountains of Chile to discover the secrets of the puma, the area's biggest and most elusive predator. Discover how this mountain lion survives and follow the dramatic fate of a puma mother and her cubs.

Series Title: Expedition with Steve Backshall: Unpacked
Episode Title: No Turning Back
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/16/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

EXPEDITION: UNPACKED WITH STEVE BACKSHALL gives viewers an exciting new way to experience the adventurer's 10 world-first expeditions. With unseen footage and behind-the-scenes content, the two-part series features Backshall as he took on extreme physical challenges, encountered extraordinary wildlife and met remarkable people around the globe. Interviews recorded in the moments immediately following each world-first milestone unveil fresh perspectives, offering viewers a thrilling glimpse into 10 adrenaline-fueled adventures.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Not Going Quietly
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 1/24/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:30:00

A rising star in progressive politics and new father, Ady Barkan's life is upended when he is diagnosed with ALS. After a chance encounter with a powerful Senator on an airplane catapults him to fame, Ady and a motley crew of activists ignite a once-in-a-generation movement for universal healthcare, in a journey that transforms his belief in what is possible for the country and for his family.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Mexican Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and guests Mario Lopez and Melissa Villaseñor look at the Mexican American experience as seen through the lens of two families.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: On Broadway
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/15/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. investigates the family histories of Broadway stars Audra MacDonald and Mandy Patinkin, discovering ancestors whose struggles laid the groundwork for their success.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 149
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:16

In our news wrap Tuesday, Pfizer began a clinical trial of an updated COVID-19 vaccine designed to ward off the highly contagious omicron variant. The International Monetary Fund slashed its growth forecast citing the omicron variant and other factors. London's Metropolitan Police Service will investigate gatherings held at Prime Minister Boris Johnson's offices during a COVID lockdown in 2020.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 172
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/25/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:51

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday loosened its COVID-19 guidance on wearing masks in indoor public settings. The new standard says people don't have to mask-up if case counts and hospitalizations aren't especially high where they live. Dr. Jennifer Nuzzo, an epidemiologist and senior scholar at Johns Hopkins University, joins William Brangham to discuss.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 195
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/30/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:53

As COVID-19 swept across the United States it became clear that the virus disproportionately affected certain racial and ethnic groups. But the outsized impact of the pandemic on one community -- Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders -- has been largely hidden because of inconsistent data collection and reporting. Stephanie Sy reports as part of our series, "Race Matters."

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Roberto Clemente
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Baseball great Roberto Clemente's talent and inimitable style drew legions of fans, but as this American Experience production reveals, he was more than an exceptional baseball player. He was also a committed humanitarian who challenged racial discrimination and worked for social justice.

Series Title: FRONTLINE
Episode Title: American Reckoning
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

An unsolved 1960s murder reveals an untold story of the civil rights movement and Black resistance. "American Reckoning" draws on rarely seen footage filmed more than 50 years ago in Natchez, Mississippi, and follows one family's search for justice.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: Zoot Suit Riots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/29/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the aftermath of a highly publicized trial for the murder of a young Mexican-American man in 1942, Los Angeles erupted in violent riots that scarred race relations for decades to come. Hector Elizondo narrates.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Animals with Cameras, A Nature Miniseries
Episode Title: Oceans
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/19/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan leads a team using state of the art cameras, offering a fresh look at the lives of some of the animals in our oceans such as sharks, elephant seals, turtles and gannets.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Secrets in the Scat
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/9/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Scott Burnett is "Scatman"—an Australian ecologist on the trail of the secrets of poop. By identifying and analyzing animal scat for DNA and hormones, he discovers essential details of their behavior, how they fit in the ecosystem, and even how to protect them.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Secret Mind of Slime
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Scientists investigate the bizarre "intelligence" of slime molds, which appear to learn and make decisions -- without a brain. These cunning, single-celled blobs can navigate mazes and create efficient networks. Can they also redefine cognition?